Boston Apl. 8th 1775

Dear Dr.

Tho' I have wrote so lately both to my Father & Mother, yet I always take every opportunity of letting some of you at North.d House hear from me. Things now every day begin to grow more & more serious; A Vessel is arrived by accident here that has brought us a Newspaper in which we have the joint Address of the two Houses of Parliament to His Majesty; this has convinced the Rebels (for we may now legally call them so) that there is no hopes for them but by submitting to Parliament; they have therefore begun seriously to form their Army & have already appointed all the Staff. They are every day by in greater Numbers evacuating this Town, & have proposed in Congress, either to set it on Fire & attack the troops before a reinforcement comes, or to endeavour to starve us. Which they mean to adopt, time only can show. The Genl.

however has received no Acc.t whatever from Europe, so that on our side no steps of any kind can be taken as yet. The Weather here for the last three weeks has been cold & disagreeable, a kind of second Winter, however as this day is remarkably warm & fine I flatter myself our good Weather is now begining. Thank God I still continue to enjoy my health perfectly & have very much surprised the Inhabitants here by going constantly all Winter with my bosom open without a great Coat. They own however that this was a remarkably mild Winter. I think ~~I~~ I have felt it colder in England. Adieu my Dear S.r make my Duty agreable to my Father & Mother & be assured I ever am

Your sincere Friend

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